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ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Thursday, July 26, 2012, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 11:00 a.m. at Arlington Park Racetrack, Arlington Heights, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Patricia Beauvais, Kathy Byrne, Angelo Ciambrone, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Paul Smith and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

BOARD ITEMS

Commissioner Monat moved to approve a request submitted by Board staff to initiate rulemaking to amend Section 603.60, Permitted Use of Foreign Substances and Threshold Levels, to lower the threshold level of phenylbutazone from 5 micrograms per milliliter to 2 micrograms for all races and adopt the recommended RCI penalty guidelines for phenylbutazone, flunixin and ketoprofen. Commissioner Byrne requested an amendment to the motion requiring that the horse owner be notified of second offense overages. Commissioner Monat accepted the amendment. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion 8-1 by a roll call vote. Commissioner Beauvais voted against the motion. Veterinarians Dr. Dawn Folker and Dr. David Fitzpatrick appeared on behalf of the Board. Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the ITHA.

Chairman Berry moved to approve a request submitted by Board staff to initiate rulemaking to amend Section 603.75, Environmental Contaminants, to add the threshold level of 100 nanograms of caffeine per milliliter. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion 8-1 by a roll call vote. Commissioner Beauvais voted against the motion. Veterinarians Dr. Dawn Folker and Dr. David Fitzpatrick appeared on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Berry moved to direct Board staff to advise all thoroughbred racetracks in Illinois to include as part of the purse reported for the calculation of Owners Awards and Breeders Awards, purse bonuses paid from the purse account. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by a roll call vote. Dan Sullivan and Gail Radke appeared on behalf of the ITBOF. Lanny Brooks appeared on behalf of the Illinois HBPA. Charlyn Fargo appeared on behalf of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Discussion ensued regarding guidelines for cancelling races due to inclement weather. Tony Petrillo appeared on behalf of Arlington Park. Veterinarians Dr. Dawn Folker and Dr. David Fitzpatrick appeared on behalf of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 Board meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 12:50 p.m., Commissioner Smith motioned for adjournment. Commissioner LaPidus seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

Executive Director